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EL SALVADOR: Rightist Violence

Ultrarightists apparently are using "death squad" activities to discourage adoption of liberal reforms in the draft constitution and support for a dialogue with the insurgents [redacted]

Union leaders lobbying for the adoption of articles in the constitution that would establish more rights for workers and peasants have been the main targets of recent bombings. Bombs also have exploded near the homes of outspoken supporters of peace talks with insurgents. [redacted] some of the victims claim that Roberto D'Aubuisson's party is [redacted] much of the rightwing violence. [redacted]

Labor organizations claim that 10 workers and peasants were killed by death squads earlier this month. Union leaders believe the death squads are well financed. They claim the terrorists have the support of some industrialists, landholders, members of the armed forces, and at least one prominent jurist. [redacted]

Terrorists reportedly fired on the National Conciliation Party headquarters on 7 September, and they continue to threaten party leaders. The party forms a key part of a center-right coalition in the Assembly that is generally in opposition to the ultraright. [redacted] some party members, the terrorists hope to intimidate them into joining D'Aubuisson's group in the assembly. [redacted]

Comment: Rightwing terrorism is likely to continue as the Assembly debates articles on unionism and the future of agrarian reform. The violence also is aimed at discouraging support for any real dialogue between the government and the leftist insurgents. [redacted]

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